

Preliminary Amendment
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REMARKS

Page 4 of the specification has been amended to correct the identification of the Sengun article disclosed therein. A copy of the Sengun article is submitted herewith.

No new matter has been added. It is respectfully requested that the amendment to the specification be approved and entered.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Submitted herewith are copies of the two documents identified on the attached Form PTO/SB/08B. It is requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of said Form PTO/SB/08B to confirm that the documents listed therein have been considered and made of record.

The Sengun article identified on the attached Form PTO/SB/08B is identified at the middle of page 4 of the present specification, and is discussed beginning at page 4 of the present specification.

The Torpey article submitted herewith is identified at the middle of column 2 of page 681 of the Sengun article and discloses subject matter discussed on page 4 of the present specification. See page 455 of the Torpey reference.

The Torpey article is also listed under the heading "References" in column 2 of page 683 of the Sengun article.

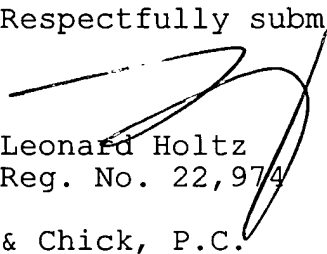
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the documents submitted herewith and make them of record.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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